



Annual Report

2012



Taking on the challenge of e-waste

Little over ten years ago, in 2002, EU lawmakers adopted legislation to protect the environment and improve conditions under which electrical and electronic waste are collected and processed. Producers were made responsible for their waste appliances.

Now, as a result of higher prices of a number of raw materials, such as copper, steel, aluminium and certain precious metals, such as gold and silver, more and more private actors other than producer responsibility organisations (PROs) collect and recycle WEEE and fail to report those volumes.

The net value of e-waste is perceived to be high. Consider, however, that the net value of a WEEE item depends a great deal on the way it is handled and treated. If no care is taken of the environment, if WEEE is not properly de-polluted, costs will be close to zero and profits will be higher than would otherwise be the case. A major share of the parallel WEEE flows are not handled in accordance with relevant quality standards and controls are weak or non-existent.

In short, the net value of WEEE is perceived to be high because the playing field is not level. How do we address this new situation?

Three critical elements need to be embedded in the regulations transposing Directive 2012/19/EU:

1. The quality of WEEE collection and processing must be secured. A legal framework must be put in place that ensures that all WEEE collected is recycled in accordance with the same treatment standards, including WEEE which is exported for treatment abroad. This is an area where the WEEE Forum, in collaboration with producers and recyclers, has been most active. The WEEELABEX standards were the fruit of a four years project geared towards "levelling the playing field".
2. Authorities must, in conjunction with PROs, enforce conformity with the standards and the legal framework.
3. All WEEE flows that meet the minimum treatment standards must be reported and registered as being recycled so that these volumes are reflected in the total collection and recycling results in any given jurisdiction.

Through WEEELABEX and other projects, we have proven that a better world is within reach, if only we reach out to everyone involved in the business, if only we go step by step, bottom-up, driven by a voluntarism that is characteristic for the WEEE Forum and its community of PROs.

We will continue to take on the challenge of e-waste.



Pascal Leroy
Secretary General



José Ramón Carbajosa
President

Key highlights

Bi-annual WEEE Forum conference



The WEEE Forum was the first to organise a prestigious [conference](#) since the new WEEE II legislation entered into force in 2012. The conference in London, on 21-22 September attracted delegates from across Europe to discuss the latest developments in the area of WEEE management and resource efficiency, one of Europe's flagship programmes. The conference was hosted by

Repic, the UK's largest WEEE producer compliance scheme and a member in the Board of the WEEE Forum.

The theme of the conference highlighted the relationship between WEEE II and the other '3 EEs' (environment, economy and employment). It focused on the positive impact that the effective transposition of the new legislation will have on these particular areas, and how each of the '3 EEs' can be sustainably developed.

Interactive panel discussions addressed the following fundamental questions: How can member states reach the new WEEE collection targets? How can producer compliance schemes contribute to a resource-efficient Europe? What can we collectively do to make a better world?

WEEELABEX Testimonials

In the context of the 20th Anniversary of the LIFE programme, the WEEE Forum scheduled a [WEEELABEX Testimonials](#) day in Brussels on 21 May. Innovative recyclers, WEEE producer responsibility organisations, producers, enforcement agencies and NGOs with a global scope reported how WEEELABEX is taking their business to the next level.



New statutes



On 27 April 2012, the General Assembly adopted an amended set of [articles of association](#). One of the chief innovations is that the new statutes open up membership to non-profit legal persons that are involved in the management of collection and/or logistics and/or treatment of WEEE, but (a) where WEEE is not their dominant business, or (b) which have operations outside Europe.

New Board

On 27 April 2012, the General Assembly elected a new President and a [new Board](#).

WEEELABEX



2012 was the last year of the [WEEELABEX project](#). The standards having been adopted in 2011, the focus in 2012 was on the governance and architecture of WEEELABEX conformity verification (audit process documents, procedures, appeals...).

The General Assembly decided at its session on 19 September in London that the WEEELABEX organisation will be headquartered in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic.

The WEEE Forum continued to be driving standardisation in CENELEC TC111X WG6 on WEEE recycling.

European Innovation Platform

The European Commission invited the WEEE Forum to join the [European Innovation Partnership on Raw Materials](#). The EIP was set up by DG Enterprise and Industry of the European Commission to contribute to devising schemes that can secure sustainable supply of raw materials in Europe. The WEEE Forum is offering its know-how about the WEEE value chain, in particular collection, transport and recycling of WEEE, which is the focus of one of the work packages.



Meetings

2012 was a year in which the WEEE Forum organised quite a number of meetings and events: 38 in total. Five sessions of the General Assembly, six meetings of the Board, nine meetings of the WEEELABEX Project Steering Group, eight meetings of the WEEELABEX task forces Measurement and Audit, seven workshops, five working groups, two training courses and two international conferences.



Deliverables

The WEEE Forum published two issue papers – [“The challenge of transposing WEEE II into national law”](#) and [“Calculation of recovery/recycling results in the framework of Directive 2012/19/EU on WEEE”](#) – as well as [“Architecture and governance of WEEELABEX Conformity Verification”](#).

2012 balance and accounts

BALANCE

ASSETS	2012	2011
FIXED ASSETS	48.925,30	24.398,52
II. INTANGIBLE ASSETS	38.985,13	19.143,34
III. TANGIBLE ASSETS	9.940,17	5.255,18
CURRENT ASSETS	428.619,25	239.479,89
VII. AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE WITHIN ONE YEAR	23.601,69	20.095,63
IX. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	148.068,59	177.714,54
X. DEFERRED CHARGES AND ACCRUED INCOME	256.948,97	41.669,72
TOTAL ASSETS	477.544,55	263.878,41
LIABILITIES	2012	2011
CAPITAL AND RESERVES	193.170,65	192.362,64
V. ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	193.170,65	192.362,64
CREDITORS	284.373,90	71.515,71
IX. AMOUNTS PAYABLE WITHIN ONE YEAR	221.014,60	62.484,58
X. ACCRUED CHARGES AND DEFERRED INCOME	63.359,30	9.031,19
TOTAL LIABILITIES	477.544,55	263.878,41
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES ACCOUNTS		
	2012	2011
Operating income	838.868,37	648.994,49
Operating charges	837.237,54	620.770,10
Operating results	1.630,83	28.224,39
Financial income	1.536,81	3.318,15
Financial charges	2.359,63	860,91
Extraordinary charges	0,00	0,00
Surplus for the period	808,01	30.681,63

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In 2012, the WEEE Forum extended its membership with three new organisations: Recicla Canarias (Spain), Asekol SK (Slovakia) and EÅF (Sweden).



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The Board of the WEEE Forum wishes to thank all the members for their trust and support, and all the stakeholders and authorities with whom the WEEE Forum has co-operated constructively.

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